Money-order thefts in Andhra Pradesh

1056. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of instances have come out where postal staff have been stealing money-orders quite frequently;

(b) the reasons for such thefts of money-orders;

(c) the details of recent money-order thefts in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to stop such thefts and increase honesty and efficiency of the money-order delivery system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. However, few such cases have come to light.

(b) Lack of supervision, non-adherence of prescribed procedure by the officials and defrauding public money for personal gain are the reasons behind such thefts.

(c) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The system of delivery of money orders is sound. Occasional thefts take place due to deviation from the prescribed procedure by the staff concerned. Instructions for following the prescribed procedure/ rules by the staff have been issued from time to time to avert such thefts. In addition, supervisory staff have been instructed to keep vigilant watch. Further, recovery has been effected from the employees found involved in such acts, besides, taking suitable departmental action against them.

Statement

Details of Recent Money-order thefts in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year

Sl.No.	M.O. No. Date/Office of Issue	Payable at	Amount (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4
1.	3292 dated. 19-06-06 of Gajuwaka	Bahadurpura	5000
2.	A 1315 dated. 22-04-06 of Sevelia R.S.	Bahadurpura	1000
3.	4359 dated. 22-02-06 of Fategarh	Bahadurpura	5000
4.	8719 dated. 22-03-06 of Fategarh	Bahadurpura	5000
5.	4763/6 dated. 18-03-06 of Old Malakpet	Bahadurpura	365
6.	2301 dated. 21-06-06 of Choutuppal	Nagarikatakam BO	600
7.	1716 dated. 22.06-06 of Nidaghatta	Nagarikatakam BO	2000
8.	2910 dated. 26-06-06 of Nagarikatakam BO	Nagarikatakam BO	1500
9.	4668 dated. 04-07-06 of Mothugudem	Bheemunipatnam	1000
10.	4482 dated. 03-07-06 of Burancherry	Bheemunipatnam	3500
11.	A-150 dated. 14-08-06 of Baldwara	Visakhapatnam-2	2000
12	A-2003 dated. 04-08-06 of Hanumangarh Town SO	Visakhapatnam-2	1000
13	1746 dated 14-08-06 of Laddaur	Visakhapatnam-2	2000
14.	2988 dated 09-08-06 of Sundarnagar Town Ship	Visakhapatnam-2	1500
15.	3315 dated. 22-07-06 of V. Palem	Visakhapatnam-2	650
16.	2485 dated. 31-07-06 of Makkuva	Visakhapatnam-2	500
17.	2002 dated. 29-06-06 of Vidyanagar	Visakhapatnam-2	5000
18.	A-712 dated. 08-08-06 of Vangali	Visakhapatnam-2	1300
19.	A-341 dated. 17-10-06 of Devoli SO	Bapatla HO	4000
20.	MO No. 1061 dated. 08-04-06 of Salagrampuram SO	Morrispet SO	3500
21.	MO No. 2590 dated 21-03-06 of Swarajyanagar SO. Hyd.	Morrispet SO	300
22	MO No. 4894 dated. 21-03-06 of Khila Jagityal SO	Morrispet SO	1000

1	2	3	4
23.	MO No. 2015 dated. 01-04-06 of Uppal Camp SO	Morrispet SO	500
24.	MO No. 391 dated 21-04-06 of Munganuru Donka SO	Morrispet SO	300
25.	MO No. 4949 dated 13-3-06 of Ramgarh SO	Morrispet SO	1000
26.	MO No. 994 dated 10-03-2006 of New Nallakunta SO	Kovvur HO	5000
27.	MO No. 995 dated 10-03-2006 of New Nallakunta SO	Kovvur HO	2500

Implementation of 3G Spectrum Policy

†1057. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to implement third generation (3G) spectrum policy;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regarding spectrum for third generation (3G) services are given below:

(i) Spectrum identified for 3G should be treated as a stand alone allocation and not as an extension of earlier spectrum allocation of 2G;

(ii) Following spectrum has been identified by TRAI for 3G serviees:
- 2x25 MHz in 2.1 GHz band (5 blocks of 2x5 MHz)
- 2x2.5 MHz in 800 MHz band (2 blocks of 2x1.25 MHz); and
- 2x5 MHz in 450 MHz band (Single blcok of 2x5 MHz)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.